## CITY OF BALTIMORE

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Honorable President and Members of the City Council of Baltimore c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

> City Council Bill 08-0058R - Informational Hearing - Should There Be a 4-Day Re:

Work Week Instituted in Baltimore City

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0058R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution would request the Director of Human Resources, the Baltimore City Labor Commissioner, the Director of Finance, and union leaders to brief the City Council on the option of instituting a 4-day work week for Baltimore City employees.

In general, a City Council resolution is "an expression of opinion or mind concerning some particular item of business coming within the legislative body's official cognizance." Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium Assoc., 545 A.2d 1296, 1303 (Md. 1988) (quoting McQuillin Mun. Corp. § 15:2 (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.)). Council Bill 08-0058R is an appropriate resolution to express the Council's request to the Director of Human Resources, the Baltimore City Labor Commissioner, the Director of Finance, and union leaders to report to the Council on the option of instituting a 4-day work week for City employees.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 08-0058R for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Belinda Conaway Angela Gibson, City Council Liaison, Mayor's Office George Nilson, City Solicitor Elena R. DiPietro, Assistant Solicitor Ashlea Brown, Assistant Solicitor Hilary Ruley, Assistant Solicitor



